

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Second Session of the 106th Congress Convened.

See Resumé and History of Bills of the First Session of the 106th Congress.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1–S45

Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1999–2003, and S. Res. 242–244. **Page S37**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Reported on December 7, 1999 (during sine die adjournment):

S. 1198, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for a report by the General Accounting Office to Congress on agency regulatory actions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–225)

Reported on January 7, 2000 (during sine die adjournment):

S. 1144, to provide increased flexibility in use of highway funding, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–226)

S. 1114, to amend the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to establish a more cooperative and effective method for rulemaking that takes into account the special needs and concerns of smaller miners. (S. Rept. No. 106–227)

Measures Passed:

Notification to the President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 242, notifying the President that the Senate is ready to proceed to business. **Page S2**

Notification to the House of Representatives: Senate agreed to S. Res. 243, notifying the House that the Senate is ready to proceed to business. **Page S2**

Expressing Sympathy for Seton Hall Victims: Senate agreed to S. Res. 244, expressing sympathy for the victims of the tragic fire at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey on January 19, 2000. **Page S6**

Bankruptcy Reform—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the pending cloture vote on S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, be vitiated, and the Senate resume consideration of the bill and certain pending amendments on Tuesday, January 25, 2000 at 2:15 p.m. **Pages S11, S44**

Further, that following disposition of certain amendments, the bill be read a third time, the Senate then proceed to the House companion measure, H.R. 833, that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 625 be inserted in lieu thereof, the House bill be read a third time and the Senate then proceed to a vote on passage of the House bill, as amended. The Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and S. 625 then be placed back on the calendar. **Page S11**

Nominations Returned to the President—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that certain nominations be returned to the President. **Page S11**

Orbit Bill—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate withdraw its request of November 19, 1999 for a conference on S. 376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and agree to the conference, with the same conferees previously appointed by the Senate, requested by the House of Representatives on November 10, 1999, which message was transmitted to the Senate today. **Page S11**

Appointments: The Chair announced the following appointments made during the sine die adjournment:

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Pursuant to provisions of Public Law 106–79, on behalf of the President pro tempore, after consultation

with the Majority and Minority Leaders, the appointment of the following Senators to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Senators Stevens and Roberts. **Page S11**

International Financial Institution Advisory Commission: Pursuant to provisions of Public Law 105-277, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, who consulted with the Minority Leader of the House, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission: C. Fred Bergsten, of Virginia, vice Paul A. Volcker, of New York, resigned. **Page S11**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Edward B. Montgomery, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor. **Page S45**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:03 p.m., and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, January 25, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S44.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Upton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1**

Convening of the Second Session of the 106th Congress: The Chair announced that, pursuant to H. Con. Res. 215, 106th Congress, the House shall conduct no organizational or legislative business on this day. The House will follow the practice announced by the Speaker at the convening of the second Session of the 102nd Congress under a similar order. Bills and resolutions introduced today will be numbered today but will not be noted in the record or referred by the Speaker until January 27, 2000. Executive communications, petitions, and memorials will not be numbered or referred until January 27, 2000. **Page H1**

Adjournment: The House met at 12:00 noon and pursuant to H. Con. Res. 235, 106th Congress, adjourned at 12:05 p.m. until noon on Thursday, January 27, 2000.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 25 through January 29, 2000

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday and Wednesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 625, Bankruptcy Reform Act.

On *Thursday*, Senate will meet with the House of Representatives in a joint session to receive the President's State of the Union Message.

On *Friday*, Senate's program is uncertain.

Also, during the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: January 25, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, with the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine reports and initiatives on patient safety, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: January 25, to hold hearings to examine loan guarantees and rural television service, 10 a.m., SD-628.

January 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Budget: January 25, to hold hearings on evolving fiscal challenges, 10 a.m., SD-608.

January 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the Congressional Budget Office's economic and budget outlook, 10 a.m., SD-608.